

4,600 Prisoners

FREE ALL PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

320 Internees

SUPPORT THE HUNGER STRIKERS!

Over 2,000 Palestinian prisoners have been on hunger strike since mid-April, protesting against the apartheid Israeli regime which holds them in its jails, many without charge or trial. Eight prisoners are in a serious condition, two of whom (Bilal Diab and Thaer Halahleh) have been refusing food for more than 60 days and are reportedly close to death.

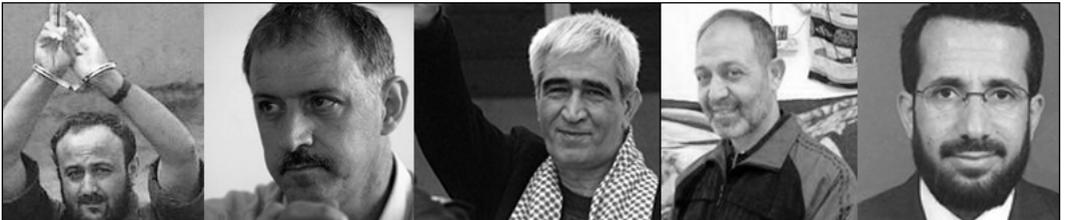
There has been almost complete silence in the mainstream news media.

UN Special Rapporteur Richard Falk has called for the international community to take action.

At present over **4,600 Palestinians are now imprisoned** by the Israeli state for resisting Israeli Apartheid and occupation. Of those, **203 are children, 5 are women, 27 are elected representatives and more than 320 are 'Administrative Detainees'** - that is they have been interned without trial not having been charged with any crime or seeing the secret evidence against them.

Those 'convicted' prisoners were jailed by non-jury Israeli Military Courts (Palestinians in the Occupied Territories are subject to Israeli military law. Israel's colonial settlers are ruled by Israeli civil law - another example Israel's Apartheid system). These military courts, biased from the outset, do not meet international fair trial standards.

Over four decades of illegal Israeli military occupation, Palestinians from all walks of life have been detained by Israel. Since the beginning of the occupation in 1967, over 650,000 Palestinians have been detained by Israel. This forms approximately 20% of the total Palestinian population in the OPT. Considering the fact that the majority of those detained are male, the number of Palestinians detained forms approximately 40% of the total male Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territories - a truly staggering figure.



Marwan Barghouti (Fatah), Ameer Makhoul (Israeli NGO head), Ahmed Sa'adat (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine), Sheikh Bassam al-Saadi (Islamic Jihad) & Khaled Abu Arafah (Hamas) - just five of the 4,600 Palestinians unjustly imprisoned under Israel's Apartheid regime.

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